

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6777–S6824*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2003–2012, and S. Res. 303–307. **Pages S6816–17**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 763, to improve surface and maritime transportation security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–178)

S. 2010, to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for 8 years. **Page S6816**

#### Measures Passed:

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 85, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2266. **Page S6871**

**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1329, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6820**

**National Health Information Technology Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 280, designating the week of October 2 through October 6, 2017, as "National Health Information Technology Week" to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6820**

**Filipino American History Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 305, recognizing the month of October 2017 as Filipino American History Month and celebrating the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to the United States. **Page S6820**

**National Principals Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 306, recognizing the month of October 2017 as "National Principals Month". **Page S6820**

**Day of the Deployed:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 307, designating October 26, 2017, as "Day of the Deployed". **Page S6820**

#### Appointments:

**United States Holocaust Memorial Council:** The Chair, on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, and Public Law 106–292, reappointed and appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Senators Hatch (reappointment), Rubio, and Scott. **Page S6820**

**Palk Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Pages S6777–S6812**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6781–82**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017; that at 12 noon, all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired, and that following disposition of the Palk nomination, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S6821**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—250)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6821.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### MAJOR THREATS FACING NAVAL FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on the major threats facing naval forces and the Navy's current and planned capabilities to meet those threats from Admiral William F. Moran, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and Jason A. Reynolds, Director, Special Programs, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, both of the Department of Defense.

### COMMERCIAL SATELLITE INDUSTRY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the commercial satellite industry, after receiving testimony from Patricia Cooper, SpaceX, Washington, D.C.; Mark Dankberg, ViaSat, Inc., Carlsbad, California; Stephen Spengler, Intelsat, McLean, Virginia; and Greg Wyler, OneWeb, Arlington, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael Dourson, of Ohio, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, Matthew Z. Leopold, of Florida, and David Ross, of Wisconsin, each to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, Paul Trombino III, of Wisconsin, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original bill entitled, "Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2017", after receiving testimony from Bill Crasper, Wyoming State Forestry Division, Cheyenne; Miles Moretti, Mule Deer Foundation, Salt

Lake City, Utah; and Dylan Kruse, Sustainable Northwest, Portland, Oregon.

### NIGERIA SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy received a closed briefing on Nigeria security from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, and Mike Miller, Office Director, Regional Security and Arms Transfers, both of the Department of State.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1223, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act, with an amendment.

### INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1870, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, S. 1953, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and S. 1942, to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, after receiving testimony from R. Trent Shores, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Department of Justice; Bryan Rice, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; David Flute, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Agency Village, South Dakota; Joel Boyd, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Nespelem, Washington; and Carmen O'Leary, Native Women's Society of the Great Plains, Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Melissa Sue Glynn, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Enterprise Integration), Randy Reeves, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, and Cheryl L. Mason, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### WORKING AND AGING WITH DISABILITIES

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine working and aging with disabilities from school to retirement, after receiving testimony from David Michael Mank, Indiana University, Bloomington, on behalf of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities; Tamar Heller,

University of Illinois Institute on Disability and Human Development, Chicago; Eric Meyer, Spurwink Services, Portland, Maine; and Jeff Smith,

Judith Creed Horizons for Achieving Independence, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 4115–4137; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 86–87; and H. Res. 586–588 were introduced. **Pages H8224–25**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8226–27**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2936, to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–370, Part 1); and

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H.R. 2823, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that retirement investors receive advice in their best interests, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–371, Part 1). **Page H8224**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Perry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8147**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8153**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata, St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas, TX. **Page H8153**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 180 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 584. **Pages H8153, H8167–68**

**Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027—Rule for consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 580, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027, by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 583, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 582. **Pages H8157–67**

**Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 26, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor. **Page H8168**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, October 26. **Page H8168**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2:31 p.m. **Page H8171**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Sanctioning Hizballah's Illicit Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act:*** H.R. 3342, amended, to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields; **Pages H8178–83**

***Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2017:*** H.R. 3329, amended, to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah; and **Pages H8183–91**

***Urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members:***

H. Res. 359, amended, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members. **Pages H8191–94**

**Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017:** The House passed H.R. 469, to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 588.

**Pages H8194–H8204, H8204–09**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–34.

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Agreed to:

Collins (GA) amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–363) that clarifies the application of 5 U.S.C. 552a (The Privacy Act) to the bill.

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Rejected:

Conyers amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–363) that calls for exception for consent decrees or settlement agreements relating to the enforcement of civil rights laws. **Pages H8202–03**

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt any consent decree or covered settlement agreement pertaining to a deadline established by Congress to significantly improve access to high-speed broadband in under-served markets, such as low-income and rural communities; and to facilitate economic development in locations without sufficient access to such service (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 585);

**Pages H8203–04, H8206–07**

McEachin amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt any consent decree or settlement agreement pertaining to the improvement or maintenance of air or water quality (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 586); and

**Pages H8204–05, H8207**

Cartwright amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to create additional exception for consent decrees or settlement agreements entered into pursuant to Meese Policy (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 587).

**Pages H8205–08**

H. Res. 577, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 469) and (H.R. 732) was agreed to yesterday, October 24th.

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act:** H.R. 1698, amended, to expand sanctions against Iran with respect to the ballistic missile program of Iran. **Pages H8168–78**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 226 was held at the desk. S. 1766 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H8222**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H8154.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8166, H8167, H8168–69, H8206–07, H8207, H8208, and H8208–09. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DOWN SYNDROME: UPDATE ON THE STATE OF THE SCIENCE AND POTENTIAL FOR DISCOVERIES ACROSS OTHER MAJOR DISEASES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing entitled “Down Syndrome: Update on the State of the Science and Potential for Discoveries Across Other Major Diseases”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sessions, and Representatives McMorris Rodgers and Bustos; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS: A STATUS UPDATE ON CARA AND OTHER INITIATIVES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Federal Efforts to Combat the Opioid Crisis: A Status Update on CARA and Other Initiatives”. Testimony was heard from Neil Doherty, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration; Scott Gottlieb, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Elinore McCance-Katz, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health.

## OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Communications Commission officials: Brendan Carr, Commissioner; Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner; Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner; Ajit Pai, Chairman; and Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner.

## SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FINANCE: PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXAMINING THE EQUIFAX DATA BREACH

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Equifax Data Breach”. Testimony was heard from Sara Cable, Director, Data Privacy and Security, Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Office of Attorney General, Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

## THE PRESIDENT’S IRAN DECISION: NEXT STEPS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The President’s Iran Decision: Next Steps”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## STATE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST MAINTENANCE

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “State Voter Registration List Maintenance”. Testimony was heard from Connie Lawson, Secretary of State, Indiana; and a public witness.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 4092, the “AG Act”; and H.R. 3711, the “Legal Workforce Act”. H.R. 4092 and H.R. 3711 were ordered reported, as amended.

## EMPOWERING STATE BASED MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS FOR GREATER SAGE GROUSE RECOVERY

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Empowering State Based Management Solutions for Greater Sage Grouse Recov-

ery”. Testimony was heard from Scott Bedke, Speaker, House of Representatives, Idaho; Darin Bird, Deputy Director, Department of Natural Resources, Utah; John Tubbs, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Montana; and J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Eureka County, Nevada.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 215, the “American Indian Empowerment Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from John Tahsuda III, Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## ONGOING MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES AT IRS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules held a joint hearing entitled “Ongoing Management Challenges at IRS”. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Gregory Kutz, Deputy Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Jeffrey Tribiano, Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support, Internal Revenue Service; and Gina Garza, Chief Information Officer, Internal Revenue Service.

## BOLSTERING THE GOVERNMENT’S CYBERSECURITY: ASSESSING THE RISK OF KASPERSKY LAB PRODUCTS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Bolstering the Government’s Cybersecurity: Assessing the Risk of Kaspersky Lab Products to the Federal Government”. Testimony was heard from Donna Dodson, Associate Director and Chief Cybersecurity Advisor, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; David Shive, Chief Information Officer, General Services Administration; and public witnesses.

## GAO AUDIT REVEALS HALF-MEASURES TAKEN BY SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “GAO Audit Reveals Half-Measures Taken by Small Business Advocates”. Testimony was heard from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Robb N. Wong, Associate Administrator,

Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Kevin Boshears, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Homeland Security.

### EXAMINING HOW VBA CAN EFFECTIVELY PREVENT AND MANAGE OVERPAYMENTS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Examining How VBA Can Effectively Prevent and Manage Overpayments". Testimony was heard from Willie C. Clark, Sr., Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup on H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust certain limits on the guaranteed amount of a home loan under the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3018, the "Veterans' Entry to Apprenticeship Act"; H.R. 3634, the "Securing Electronic Records for Veterans' Ease Act of 2017"; H.R. 3949, the "VALOR Act"; H.R. 3965, the "Veterans Armed for Success Act"; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight training programs. H.R. 3949 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. Legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight training programs, H.R. 815, H.R. 3018, H.R. 3634, and H.R. 3965 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF BILL: PROVIDING TARIFF RELIEF TO U.S. MANUFACTURERS THROUGH THE NEW MTB PROCESS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "Miscellaneous Tariff Bill: Providing Tariff Relief to U.S. Manufacturers Through the New MTB Process". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Kevin Hassett, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Conferees* met in closed session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing on Niger, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, Robert Hunter Kurtz, of Virginia, and Suzanne Israel Tufts, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine advanced cyber technologies that could be used to help protect electric grids and other energy infrastructure from cyberattacks, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. Res. 279, reaffirming the commitment of the United States to promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Cambodia, and the nominations of Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Kenneth Ian Juster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Kathleen M. Fitzpatrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Richard Duke Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Jamie McCourt, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Edward T. McMullen, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Peter Henry Barlerin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Michael James Dodman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Nina Maria Fite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Daniel L.

Foote, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, David Dale Reimer, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Eric P. Whitaker, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, W. Robert Kohorst, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Carla Sands, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, Thomas L. Carter, of South Carolina, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Michael T. Evanoff, of Arkansas, to be an Assistant Secretary (Diplomatic Security), Manisha Singh, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Economic and Business Affairs), Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, and a routine list in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine free speech on college campuses, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine improving oversight of the regulatory process, focusing on lessons from state legislatures, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 807, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, and the nominations of Allison H. Eid, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Stephanos Bibas, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Liles Clifton Burke, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Walter David Counts III, to be United States District Judge for the Western Dis-

trict of Texas, Michael Joseph Juneau, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Karen Gren Scholer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Tilman Eugene Self III, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and John F. Bash, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, Erin Angela Nealy Cox, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, and R. Andrew Murray, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem for women, 11 a.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1733, to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil; H.R. 2872, the “Promoting Hydropower Development at Existing Nonpowered Dams Act”; and H.R. 2880, the “Promoting Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Hydropower Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Refugee Admissions Program”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Financing Through Fintech: Online Lending’s Role in Improving Small Business Capital Access”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE  
10 a.m., Thursday, October 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
9 a.m., Thursday, October 26

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Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 noon.

Following disposition of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

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House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of the Senate Amendment to H. Con. Res. 71—Establishing the Congressional Budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027.

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